



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Longford/Westmeath Unlicensed Peat Extraction

**Site Address:** Kilsallagh, Lissanure, Derrydooan Lower, Newpass, Aghnavealogue Townlands County Longford/Westmeath.

**Date of Visit:** 23/05/2022

**Times of Visits:** 16:30 to 17:15

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and John Gibbons

**Organisation** [REDACTED], its agents or associated companies

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to

- 1.) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out by [REDACTED], its agents or associated companies on lands owned, controlled or associated with [REDACTED], its agents or associated companies which are included in a written undertaking between the EPA and [REDACTED] (dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021).
- 2.) To determine what location the activities undertaken by the companies or its agents was carried out at during recent months. The site visit commenced on lands (Area 4) where sod peat had been excavated and stockpiling of peat following milling and digging extraction activity was previously noted.

**Findings of site visit of 23/05/2022:** The following was noted during this visit:

- 1.) We went to an area of peatland at the Co. Longford section of Area 4 and noted that no sod peat extraction activity was taking place during the visit. No new/additional rows of sod peat had been excavated since the previous EPA visit on 20/05/22.
- 2.) An excavator which was previously noted to be excavating sod peat at Area 4 on 20/05/22 was no longer present on the peatland.
- 3.) Stockpiles of milled and sod peat were noted at the loading area of Area 4 (which is in Co. Westmeath). No activity was taking place at the loading area.

**Report prepared by:**

John Gibbons &  
Mick Henry

**Signed:**

*John Gibbons*  
*M. Henry*

**Date:**

24/05/22

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Plot No.9 at Area 4 (Co. Longford) where no additional sod peat excavation had taken place during this visit since the previous EPA visit on 20/05/22.**

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**Photo 2: Stockpiles of milled and sod peat noted at Area 4.**

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